

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of January 8, 2016

Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
1/5/2016	Chavira	Request for staff to research improving road access adjacent to Westgate	CM Chavira would like staff to research how to connect a small segment at 95th Avenue just north of Bethany Home Road at the halfway point south of Camelback Road so that access would be available from Camelback Road to Northern Avenue. This would alleviate traffic during large-scale events.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action.
1/5/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research costs	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to come up with a dollar amount that the Glendale taxpayers have invested to ensure the success of the Coyotes. What is the total investment and commitment from the taxpayers, the offset in revenues including arena management?	Pending	Tom Duensing	Pending staff action.
12/15/2015	Malnar	Request to review and change policy for property tax	CM Malnar would like staff to review and determine the impact to change the Council policy of implementing the maximum increase allowable for property tax, and bring this request back to a future workshop.	Scheduled for February 16th Budget Workshop	Tom Duensing	This CIOSI item will be discussed at the February 16th Budget Workshop.
10/20/2015	Aldama	Request to bring back the Jazz Festival	CM Aldama would like staff to research how much it would cost to bring back the Jazz Festival.	Scheduled for January 19th workshop	Laurie Sapp	Staff is doing research and will be ready to present at the January 19th workshop.
10/20/2015	Tolmachoff	Request to correct language in Zoning Text Amendment	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research how to correct the language in the Zoning Text Amendment regarding billboards that was approved by Council on June 26, 2012 so that the language would work the way it was intended to.	Pending	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	This topic will be addressed through the Loop 101 Scenic Corridor which will be scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission on February 4, 2016.
9/15/2015 and 01/05/2016	Aldama	Request to develop a broader plan on vacant properties	During the September 15, 2015 workshop, CM Aldama requested city staff develop a broader plan to address the condition of vacant properties citywide. During the January 5, 2016 workshop, CM Aldama asked staff to bring back information on how to create a specific plan to address the vacant property issue, citywide and more specifically in the Ocotillo District, that is causing blight.	Pending additional future workshop	Sam McAllen	Scheduled for December 1st workshop. Council direction was received to bring this item back to a future workshop and provide additional information on staffing, establishing a volunteer program and other options.

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9/15/2015	Hugh	Request to develop a plan to make better use of the Civic Center	VM Hugh is requesting city staff take a new look at the Civic Center to get more use of the facility to benefit the city and citizens. VM Hugh would like staff to come back with a proposal that could include a reduction of fees to be more competitive with other facilities.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Staff is in process of hiring an industry consultant to assess the current business model of the Civic Center and all related policies and fees. It is anticipated that staff will return to the Council within six months with the results of the assessment and recommendations.
9/1/2015	Aldama	Request to create a new commission.	CM Aldama is requesting the city develop a diversity commission (commission on diversity).	Tentatively scheduled for February 2nd workshop	Jim Brown	Scheduled for November 17th workshop. Council provided direction to move forward on a commission on Diversity and Human Relations. Human Resources staff will bring back an outline of what that the commission will be responsible for, commission structure, etc. Tentatively scheduled for February 2nd workshop.
8/4/2015	Turner	Request for research on allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods	CM Turner stated that at the June 23rd Voting Meeting, a citizen in CM Turner's district requested Council consider allowing chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods. CM Turner would like staff to research the pros and cons, limitations, lessons learned from other cities, any negative outfall and what the city would have to do regarding rezoning.	Scheduled for January 19th workshop	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	Staff is currently researching and preparing an agenda item regarding chickens as pets in residential neighborhoods. Scheduled for January 19th workshop.

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8/4/2015	Aldama	Request for a residential overlay in the Sonorita neighborhood	CM Aldama is requesting staff research a residential overlay in the Sonorita neighborhood south of Glendale Avenue, so residents could apply for state, federal and local funding assistance for home repairs and home building.	Scheduled for January 19th workshop	Sam McAllen, Jon Froke and Erik Strunk	Staff is currently reviewing historical documentation related to the Sonorita neighborhood and reviewing funding guidelines to learn more about possible funding options to assist with home building and repairs. Scheduled for January 19th workshop.
5/19/2015	Hugh	Request to revisit two hour parking	VM Hugh would like staff to revisit the two hour parking ordinance.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Staff met with VM Hugh to discuss the two hour parking issue. Staff will do follow-up work and schedule a work session item to gain direction from City Council. Staff is in the process of completing follow up work.
3/17/2015	Turner	Request for review of the Westgate media center for library services	This is follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Turner at the March 17, 2015 Council workshop requesting staff analysis as to the feasibility of using a portion of the City of the Glendale Media Center (located at 9494 West Maryland Avenue) for a possible western area branch library. The purpose of this item will be to provide an initial overview of this concept and receive further direction from the City Council.	Pending FY 16-17 city budget process discussion	Erik Strunk	Presented at October 20th Workshop. Council directed staff to further analyze and develop conceptual (visual) depictions of the following two possible options: a) possible use of the media center; b) possible use of prefabricated/modular buildings at Heroes Regional Park. Staff will work on this and prepare this information as part of the upcoming FY 16-17 city budget process.
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8/4/2015	Hugh	Request City Council consider rolling back the city sales tax	VM Hugh is requesting the City Council consider rolling back the city sales tax now that the economy has started to improve to become more competitive with other cities.	Completed	Tom Duensing	On December 15, 2015, staff presented the Five-Year Financial Forecast. This forecast includes an overview of the General Fund over the next five years and will incorporate a) revised revenue and expenditure projections and b) the impact of several of the key Council decisions made over the past year including pay-off of the capital lease, revised financial policies, amended Arena agreement, etc. As part of this Workshop, it is staff's intention to include the impact of increases or decreases in both revenues and expenditures on the City's financial position over the next five years which will encompass this Council Item of Special Interest.
10/6/2015	Hugh	Request to review status of Southwest Ambulance	VM Hugh stated that Southwest Ambulance now owes the city \$1.54M and would like to know if the city should do an RFQ to find another ambulance company.	Completed	Tom Duensing	Email sent to Council from Tom Duensing on December 18, 2015.
10/6/2015	Tolmachoff	Request to review high speed fiber optic network	CM Tolmachoff would like the city to look into the high speed fiber optic network to provide as a city utility. Small cities have been able to implement this at a reasonable cost, and this could help Glendale remain competitive.	Completed	Vicki Rios	Brian Friedman, Chuck Murphy, Tom Duensing and Vicki Rios are working on a briefing sheet on this topic for Councilmember Tolmachoff and plan to meet with CM Tolmachoff in the next week or two. Brian Friedman, Tom Duensing and Vicki Rios are meeting with Councilmember Tolmachoff on December 8th to discuss this item. Email sent to Council from Vicki Rios on December 28, 2015.

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12/15/2015	Hugh and Aldama	Request to move workshop meeting location from B-3 to Council Chambers	VM Hugh and CM Aldama would like to move all future workshops to the Council Chambers instead of B-3. CM Aldama stated this would allow more members of the public to attend and be more comfortable for Council and staff.	Completed	Jennifer Campbell	Scheduled for January 5th workshop. Council consensus was provided to bring this item to the January 12th Voting Meeting for further consideration.
9/2/2014	Sherwood	Utilize change to Arizona Revised Statute Title 19	CM Sherwood would like the City Clerk's Office to work with the City Attorney's Office to utilize a recent change to the Arizona Revised Statute Title 19 giving towns and cities more authority in running their own elections to come up with an ordinance (or other vehicle) laying out all the particulars. CM Sherwood stated there have been so many changes to the laws over the recent years that are very confusing to the public. CM Sherwood believes that we should define how petitions/referendums are run through the city and whether one needs to be a resident to be able to initiate one.	Item removed from active CIOSI list	Pam Hanna	The City Clerk needs additional time, this request will be rescheduled at a later date. Contact City Clerk for additional information regarding this request. Acting City Manager, Dick Bowers, has requested this item be moved to the inactive/completed section since the requesting councilmember is no longer on the active Council and this item has not come to a resolution since 09/02/2014 due to circumstances beyond the city's control and jurisdiction.